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The meeting was called to order at 3.55 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 131: FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION (continued)

United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II) (A/45/1028 and 1043, A/C.5/45/L.34)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that, as there was no quorum, he would suspend the meeting.

The meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and resumed at 4.20 p.m.

2. Mr. CONMY (Ireland), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.34 on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II), said that it was a standard peace-keeping resolution, except for the few technical but not substantive specifications that had been introduced in the third preambular paragraph and paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, as a result of his consultations with delegations. He recommended the draft resolution to the Committee for adoption without a vote.

3. The CHAIRMAN said that he would assume, if he heard no objection, that the Committee wished to take a decision at that time and that it wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.5/45/L.34 without a vote.

4. It was so decided.

5. Mr. INOMATA (Japan) said that the consensus did not obviate the fact that so few members had participated in the decision just taken, which had, after all, committed their Governments to an appropriation of nearly $15 million. He hoped that did not reflect the Committee's lack of interest in peace-keeping operations. Member States expected more of the Fifth Committee and it needed to improve its methods of work. He believed the Bureau should continue informal consultations on the enhancement of the work of the Committee.

6. The CHAIRMAN assured the representative of Japan that he planned to complete those ongoing informal consultations towards the end of the month when more colleagues would be present and when the General Assembly would be holding its plenary meetings.

7. Mr. M'BINDA (Angola) thanked the Committee for having adopted the draft resolution that would allow UNAVEM II to operate.

8. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had concluded its consideration of agenda item 131, and that the Rapporteur would report on it to the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 4.40 p.m.